



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE (LPCC)
MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Arizona State Capitol Executive Tower
Third Floor Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Committee Members, Liaisons, and Participants Present

C.T. Wright (Committee Chairman), Becky Brimhall-Lepire, Charles Brown, Diane Joens, Deborah Lavinsky, Tonya Watson, Christine Bryson-Lazo, Brittany Carter, Elisa Davis, Tammy Frazee and Don Ritchie

Committee Members Absent

George Evanoff, Joy Grainger, Teresa Lopez, Doyle Meredith, Lisa O'Neill, Allison Perrin, and Trudy Schuett

Council Staff, Interns Present

Cathy De Lisa, Kim Jennings and Berntari Crosby

Guests Present and Signing In

Dennis Garvey, Bruce Morrow

Welcome, Introductions, Review and Approval of January Draft Minutes

Council and Committee Chairman C.T. Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A welcome and introduction period followed. Draft minutes from the January 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed. *Charles Brown made a motion to approve the minutes; Becky Brimhall-Lepire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

Regional Transit Programs as Options for Older Adults

Youngtown Mayor Michael LeVault provided the committee with an update on transportation planning and concerns in the Northwest Valley highlighting the work of Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). Mayor LeVault outlined the partnership and efforts of Benevilla and Sun Health in developing solutions to transit issues in that area. Copies of the *MAG Regional Aging in Place Network, Meeting Needs and Tapping into Talents, January 2014 Transportation in the Northwest Valley, A Needs Assessment & Business Plan, and Alternative Transportation Solutions for Older Adults MAG Regional Council, February 2014* are available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Bruce Morrow of Cottonwood Area Transit provided the committee with a PowerPoint overview of Cottonwood's transit system that includes fixed routes, ADA paratransit, and Verde Lynx

(inter-city commuter service). A copy of Mr. Morrow's presentation is available for review through the Council on Aging office.

Discussion of Legislation Impacting Older Arizonans, Council on Aging's Tracking List

Executive Director Cathy De Lisa provided a copy of the Advisory Council on Aging's *Short List* of legislation being tracked on behalf of the Council, and the group discussed legislation with the potential to impact older Arizonans. A copy of *Short List* is available for review through the Council on Aging's office.

Report Out and Discussion on Events Related to LPCC

Christine Bryson-Lazo reported that a new website, www.azvoices.gov allows the public to voice opinions and support or opposition to legislation.

Brittany Carter reported the Arizona Health Care Association has scheduled a Leadership Conference in Tucson on April 28th and 29th.

Christine Bryson-Lazo reported she is scheduled to attend the American Society on Aging Conference in San Diego during the week of March 10, 2014 and looks forward to sharing information from that conference with the group.

Dennis Garvey reported that a gubernatorial debate is scheduled for March 7th at Yavapai Community College.

At the request of the Committee Chairman, Charles Brown shared information on the recognition he and his wife received in January for their contributions to the greater community. The weekend of recognition events were held in and around Sunsites, Arizona.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairman C.T. Wright at 11:31 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Legislative & Policy Coordinating Committee of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is scheduled for May 8, 2014; location to be determined and announced by public meeting notice posted at the GACA website: www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/. These meetings are open to the public.